

Edward, Rappahannock, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren for Individual Assistance, including direct Federal assistance, and debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B), under the Public Assistance program, including direct Federal assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program—Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA–1491–DR]

Virginia; Amendment No. 4 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia (FEMA–1491–DR), dated September 18, 2003, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby amended to include Categories C through G under the Public Assistance program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of September 18, 2003:

The Independent Cities of Hopewell, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach, and the counties

of Charles City, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Prince George, Richmond, and Westmoreland for Categories C through G under the Public Assistance program (already designated for Categories A and B, including direct Federal assistance, and Individual Assistance, including direct Federal assistance.)

All Independent Cities and counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA–1496–DR]

West Virginia; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of West Virginia (FEMA–1496–DR), dated September 23, 2003, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 23, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 23, 2003, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of West Virginia,

resulting from Hurricane Isabel on September 18, 2003, and continuing, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of West Virginia.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide assistance for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B), under the Public Assistance program in the designated areas, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate subject to completion of Preliminary Damage Assessments. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act, additional categories of assistance under the Public Assistance program, and Hazard Mitigation are later requested and warranted, Federal funding under these programs will also be limited to 75 percent of total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Carlos Mitchell, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of West Virginia to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

The counties of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendleton, Randolph, and Tucker for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program.

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Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

Michael D. Brown,

Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-39]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Single Family Premium Collection Subsystem-Upfront (SFPCS-U)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne-Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doretha S. Dabney, Branch Chief, Single Family Insurance Operations Branch, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1994 X3471 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposal information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the

accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also list the following information:

Title of Proposal: Single Family Premium Collection Subsystem-Upfront (SFPCS-U).

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0423.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Single Family Premium Collection Subsystem-Upfront (SFPCS-U) allows the lenders to remit the Upfront Mortgage Insurance Premiums using funds obtained from the mortgagor during the closing of the mortgage transaction at settlement. The SFPCS-U strengthens HUD's ability to manage and process upfront single-family mortgage insurance premium collections and corrections to submitted data. It also improves data integrity for the Single Family Mortgage Insurance Program. Therefore, the FHA approved lenders use Automated Clearing House (ACH) and/or Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) applications for all transmissions with SFPCS-U. The authority for this collection of information is specified in 24 CFR 203.280 and 24 CFR 203.281. The collection of information is also used in calculating refunds due to former FHA mortgagors when they apply for homeowner refunds of the unearned portion of the mortgage insurance premium, 24 CFR 203.283, as appropriate. Without this information the premium collection/monitoring process would be severely impeded, and program data would be unreliable. In general, the lenders use the ACH and/or EDI applications to remit the upfront premium through SFPCS-U to obtain mortgage insurance for the homeowner.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response; the number of respondents is 9,939 generating approximately 1,349,281 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; the estimated total number of burden

hours needed to prepare the information collection is 71,790. The Lenders are able to key the information online or have their computer transmit the information. Since remittances are made through the ACH and/or EDI applications the upfront remittance is submitted electronically and their is no paperwork to complete and mail in.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: September 9, 2003.

Sean G. Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-79]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Multifamily Tenant Characteristics Family Report

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The subject information is collected to ascertain public housing tenant eligibility. HUD is seeking renewal of the approval for this information collection requirement.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* November 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2577-0083) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh